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by the rapidly rotating disk. The sharpening speed depends upon the asperage, which is controlled by a switch. Rough grinding is done with 100 - 150 amperes on the cast-iron disk; the finishing and polishing is done with 30 - 70 amperes on the steel disk.

FRUNZE PLANT UPS OUTPUT -- Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, No 7, 11 Jan 49

The Frunze Tool Plant has introduced cost-accounting methods and new production techniques with good results. Production of lathes in the last quarter of 1948 increased more than four times in comparison with production during the same period of 1947. Labor input was lowered 50 percent, and net costs were lowered almost the same amount in the production of these machines. Production of drill chucks and sheep shears also increased significantly, and, at the same time, the net costs of these products were lowered.

Quite apart from considerations of cost accounting, there are some inadequacies in the plant's operations. These are particularly due to the shortage of measuring instruments, such as electric, water, and steam meters.

ARMENIAN PLANT SUCCESSFUL -- Komsunist, No, 111, 13 May 49

Workers of the Machine-Tool Building Plant imeni Dzerzhinskiy produced 40 percent more machine tools in the first quarter of 1949 than in the corresponding period of last year. The plant exceeded its April gross-production plan by 16 percent and its quantity production plan by 10 percent. During the first quarter of 1949, it had 209,000 rubles of above-plan accumulation, lowered net costs by 16.7 percent, and increased the turnover of working capital by 2 days more than was planned. Plant workers have pledged to fulfill the 1949 plan by 29 November.

KIROV PLANT MAKES NEW MACHINE TOOLS -- Izvestiya, No 114, 17 May 49

The "Kirovskiy metallist" Plant produces woodworking machines of various designs, including band saws, swing saws, machines for automatic sharpening of all types of saws, pedal driven block saws, and others.

Experimental tests have been made at the plant with a cooperage machine which automatically cuts out barrel bottoms. Another cooperage machine which cuts out barrel hoops at the rate of 300 per hour has been completed. The new machine tools represent a marked progress in the mechanization of cooperage work.

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